

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An aqueous hair care composition for imparting improved hairstyling properties to hair, the composition comprising,
 - a) at least one UV-absorbing substance, and
 - b) at least one mica /titanium dioxide pigment wherein at least 90% by weight of the mica /titanium dioxide pigment comprises a particle size between about 10 and 250 microns, and
 - c) green tea extract, and~~wherein the entire composition has a pH between 4 and 6.5.~~
2. (Currently amended) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein 80% to 90% by weight of the pigment consist of mica, and 10% to 20% by weight thereof consist of titanium dioxide.
3. (Currently amended) The hair care composition according to claim 1, containing the mica/titanium dioxide pigment in an amount between about 0.05% to about 5% by weight, calculated to the total composition.
4. (Currently amended) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein the UV-absorber is selected from at least one of the compounds 4-aminobenzoic acid and the esters and salts thereof, 2-phenyl benzimidazole-5-sulfonic acid and the alkali and amine salts thereof, 4-dimethyl aminobenzoic acid and the esters and salts thereof, cinnamic acid and the esters and salts thereof, 4-methoxy cinnamic acid and the esters and salts thereof, salicylic acid and the esters and salts thereof, 2,4-dihydroxybenzophenone, 2,2',4,4'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone, 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone and its 5-sulfonic acid or the sodium salt thereof, 2,2'-dihydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxybenzophenone, 2-hydroxy-5-chlorobenzophenone, 2,2'-dihydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone, 2,2'-dihydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxy-5,5'-disulfobenzophenone or the sodium salt thereof, 2-hydroxy-4-octyloxybenzophenone, 2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-4'-methyl benzophenone, 3-benzylidene campher, 3-(4'-sulfo)-benzylidene bomane-2-one and the salts thereof and/or 3-(4'-methyl benzylidene)-DL-campher.

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5. (Currently amended) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of the UV-absorber is from about 0.05% to 2.5% by weight, calculated to the total composition.

6. (Currently amended) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein the wt.-% of the green tea extract is from 0.01% to 10.0% based on the total composition.

7. (Currently amended) The hair care composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition contains about 0.1% to 5% by weight of at least one amphoteric or zwitterionic surfactant, calculated to the total composition.

8. (Currently amended) The hair care composition according to claim 7, wherein the composition contains about 0.25% to 2.5% by weight, calculated to the total composition, of at least one betaine.

9. (Currently amended) The haircare composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition contains about 0.1% to 10% by weight of at least one C₁₂-C₁₈-alkyl amidopropyl dimethyl or diethyl amine.

10. (New) The hair care composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is formulated so as to obviate the need to rinse the composition out of a subject's hair.

11. (New) A method of improving the hairstyling properties of a subject's hair with the composition of claim 1, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) treating the subject's hair, the treatment comprising of at least one treatment selected from the group consisting of washing, permanent waving, and dyeing;
- (b) applying to the subject's hair an amount of the composition of claim 1 that effectively imparts improved hairstyling properties to the hair, and
- (d) optionally, rinsing the composition of claim 1 from the subject's hair.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the composition is not rinsed from the subject's hair.

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13. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein the subject's hair is provided a permanent wave treatment immediately prior to applying the composition.

14. (New) A leave-in hair care composition for imparting improved hairstyling properties to a subject's hair, the composition comprising,

- a) at least one UV-absorbing substance, and**
- b) at least one mica /titanium dioxide pigment wherein at least 90% by weight of the mica /titanium dioxide pigment comprises a particle size between about 10 and 250 microns, and**
- c) green tea extract.**